

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for communicating an emergency signal comprising:  
varying a repetition rate of an unmodulated long-wave carrier in an on/off keyed manner in a predetermined sequence and at a predetermined phase angle;  
generating an electromagnetic wave with a resulting signal in which a primary propagation mode is ~~[[via]]~~ a magnetic field ~~and which has~~ with a reduced electric field;  
and  
transmitting a resulting signal as the emergency signal.
2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:  
monitoring one or more transmission on the carrier for the predetermined sequence; and  
activating an alarm system upon determining a match of the predetermined sequence in one of the one or more transmissions.
3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:  
repeating the resulting signal with one or more repeaters synchronized in timing and phase to the resulting signal.
4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined sequence comprises a first repetition rate having a first frequency for a first predetermined period, followed by a second repetition rate of a second frequency for a second predetermined period, followed by a third repetition rate of a third frequency for a third predetermined period, followed by no signal for a fourth predetermined period.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for communicating an emergency signal comprising:
- transmitting an alarm sequence as a predetermined repeating on/off sequence of a predetermined unmodulated longwave frequency at a predetermined phase angle using a magnetic field as a primary mode of propagation and with a reduced electric field;
  - identifying by one or more repeaters the alarm sequence;
  - synchronizing the one or more repeaters to the alarm sequence; and
  - rebroadcasting the alarm sequence from the one or more repeaters in synchronism with a source of the alarm sequence.
6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, further comprising:
- activating an alarm response system upon determining a match of the predetermined sequence in one of the one or more transmissions.
7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, further comprising:
- transmitting a response to the alarm sequence upon receipt by an emergency response system; and
  - resetting one or more repeaters and a source transmitter upon receipt of the response.
8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the predetermined frequency transmission medium includes a sonic wave.
9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the predetermined frequency includes a low frequency signal.
10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein said transmitting further comprises:
- transmitting the alarm sequence so that a predominant mode of the alarm sequence is transmitted via magnetic field.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein said monitoring further comprises:

shielding a receiver from electric fields.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein the low frequency signal includes a transmission carrier in a range from about 10 kilohertz to about 1000 kilohertz.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein said transmitting further comprises:

transmitting the alarm sequence using an antenna; and

driving the antenna with the predetermined frequency switched on and off in the predetermined sequence.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein said monitoring further comprises:

receiving the alarm sequence using an antenna;

tuning complex impedance to the antenna of the receiver to develop a resonant circuit;

amplifying a band-limited output of the antenna;

detecting an envelope of the amplified output to provide an "on/off" keyed representation of the received alarm sequence;

converting the detected representation to a digital representation; and

processing the digital representation to determine whether or not the received signals conform to the predetermined sequence that defines the alarm sequence.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, further comprising wherein said processing includes:

correlating a duration and a period of the digital representation with the predetermined sequence.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:

retransmitting the alarm signal in synchronism with the original transmission should the pulse repetition patterns match those of an alarm sequence.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:

driving a transformer with an output of the antenna in a receiver to reflect a resistance located on a secondary winding of the transformer back to a primary winding of the transformer to reduce a Q of the antenna without adding real resistance and thermal noise.

18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for transmitting an emergency signal comprising:

a signal generator to generate [[a]] an unmodulated longwave carrier signal at a predetermined frequency and a predetermined phase angle;

a switch coupled to the signal generator to interrupt the carrier signal in a predetermined sequence while maintaining the predetermined phase angle; and

an antenna to radiate the interrupted carrier signal in the predetermined sequence and predetermined phase angle as the emergency signal using a magnetic field as a primary mode of propagation and with a reduced electric field.

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for receiving an emergency signal comprising:

a shielded antenna to receive a transmission at [[a]] an unmodulated predetermined longwave carrier, said shielded antenna designed to generate a current primarily from a changing magnetic field, and said shielded antenna designed to limit electric fields around the antenna;

a receiver to monitor a predetermined longwave frequency and to output a digital sequence upon receiving a transmission on the predetermined longwave frequency, which digital sequence represents an on/off sequence detected in the predetermined frequency; and

a processor to correlate the digital sequence against a predetermined sequence to identify the emergency signal.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the receiver includes:

- an amplifier to amplify a signal from the antenna; and
- a converter to convert the signal output by the antenna to the digital sequence.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the receiver further comprises:

- a transformer coupled to the antenna and creating a resonant circuit with the antenna at the predetermined frequency; and
- a shield disposed around at least the antenna to shield the antenna from electric fields.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the receiver includes an envelop detector to detect an envelope of the signal output from the antenna, which is used by the converter to convert the signal to the digital sequence.

23. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for repeating an emergency signal comprising:

- a receiver to monitor a predetermined longwave frequency and to output a digital sequence upon receiving a transmission on the predetermined longwave frequency, which digital sequence represents an on/off sequence detected in the predetermined frequency, said receiver including a processor to correlate the received digital sequence against a predetermined sequence to identify the emergency signal;

- a transmitter including:

- a signal generator coupled to the processor to generate a signal at the predetermined longwave frequency and a predetermined phase angle upon an identification of the emergency signal by the processor;

- a switch coupled to the signal generator to cause a signal output by the signal generator to be switched on and off in the predetermined sequence and the predetermined phase angle; and

an antenna to reradiate the predetermined signal in the predetermined sequence as the emergency signal using a magnetic field as a primary mode of propagation and with a reduced electric field; and

a synchronizer coupled to the switch in the transmitter to synchronize the predetermined sequence generated at the output of the switch with the received digital sequence and to synchronize a phase of the carrier signal output from the signal generator with a phase of a carrier signal received by the receiver.

24. (Previously Presented) A communication system for communicating an emergency signal comprising:

a transmitter for transmitting an initial emergency signal, said transmitter including:

a signal generator to generate a signal at a predetermined longwave frequency and a predetermined phase angle;

a switch coupled to the signal generator to cause the signal to be interrupted in a predetermined sequence and the predetermined phase angle; and

an antenna to radiate the interrupted signal in the predetermined sequence and predetermined phase angle as the emergency signal at a longwave frequency using a magnetic field as a primary mode of propagation and with a reduced electric field; one or more repeaters, each of said one or more repeaters including:

a receiver to monitor the predetermined longwave frequency and to output a digital sequence upon receiving a transmission on the predetermined longwave frequency, which digital sequence represents an on/off sequence detected in the predetermined longwave frequency, said receiver including a processor to correlate the received digital sequence against a predetermined sequence to identify the emergency signal;

a transmitter including:

a signal generator coupled to the processor to generate a signal at the predetermined longwave frequency and the predetermined phase angle upon an identification of the emergency signal by the processor;

a switch coupled to the signal generator to cause the signal output by the signal generator to be interrupted in the predetermined sequence and the predetermined phase angle; and

an antenna to reradiate the predetermined signal in the predetermined sequence and predetermined phase angle at a longwave frequency using a magnetic field as a primary mode of propagation and with a reduced electric field as the emergency signal; and

a synchronizer coupled to the switch in the transmitter to synchronize the predetermined sequence generated at the output of the switch with a received digital sequence and to synchronize a phase of a carrier signal output from the signal generator with a phase of a carrier signal received by the receiver; and

an alarm receiver to receive the emergency signal, said alarm receiver to monitor the predetermined longwave frequency and to output a digital sequence upon receiving a transmission on the predetermined longwave frequency, which digital sequence represents an on/off sequence detected in the predetermined longwave frequency, said receiver including a processor to correlate the received digital sequence against a predetermined sequence to identify the emergency signal.